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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

"Quality Child Care Makes Good Business Sense"

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in cooperation with the Small Business Development Center of the University of Southern Maine, and other Federal and State agencies, including the Maine Department of Labor, will hold a one-day conference, entitled "Quality Child Care Makes Good Business Sense," at the Bangor Civic Center on September 21, 1989. The purpose of the conference is to make business leaders and economic developers aware of child care benefits, options, and resources available while dealing with Maine's labor shortage.

"In today's society, the traditional family model - one parent at work while the other stays home to care for the children - has become the exception rather than the rule," states Susan S. Engeleither, Administrator for the SBA.

The conference will address the following topics:

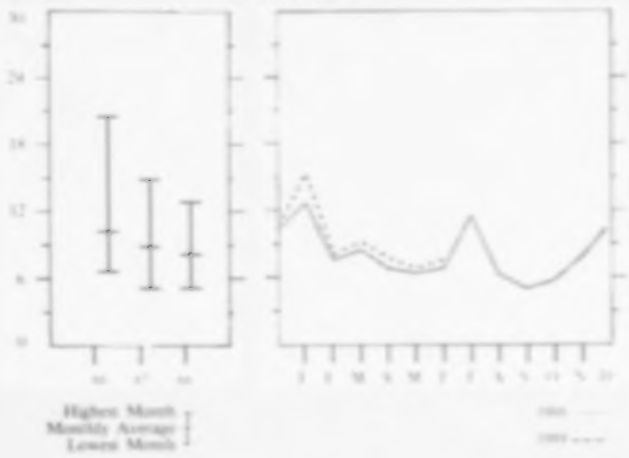
1. The labor shortage in Maine and the changing working family of the 1990s.
2. Recruiting and retaining skilled workers.
3. Minimizing costs of your present workforce.
4. How to assess your company's child care needs: what are your options?
5. Customizing child care alternatives for small businesses.
6. Recognizing the need for child care - expense or opportunity? Panel discussion with companies currently offering successful child care programs.
7. How to identify quality child care programs.
8. The tax benefits and liabilities related to child care.

For additional information about this conference, please contact Thomas R. Heels at the SBA in Augusta, 622-8242, or Tiffany Wood at the Small Business Development Center, 780-4420.

QUALITY CHILD CARE MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE
September 21, 1989 *Bangor Civic Center*

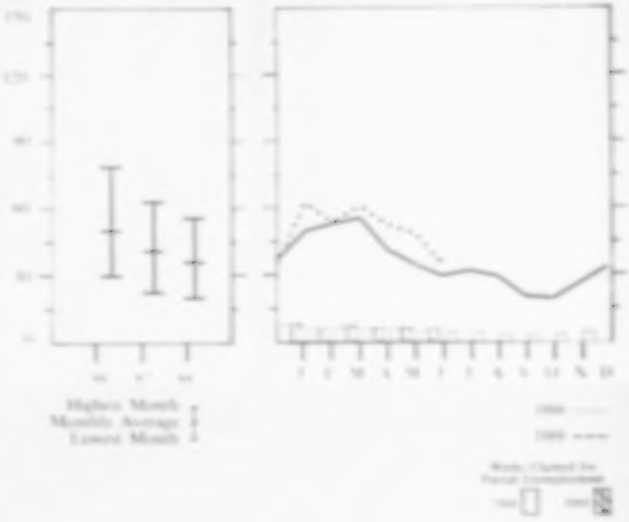
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands



Maine Department of Labor Releases 1988 Nonmanufacturing Wage Survey

Labor Commissioner John Fitzsimmons recently announced the release of the 1988 Maine Occupational Wages in Selected Nonmanufacturing Industries. This publication, developed by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research, is based on the most comprehensive nonmanufacturing wage survey ever produced by the Department. The survey was funded in part by the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

There were 1,130 firms participating in the survey, providing information on 26,333 workers. Of these workers, 1,567 were in managerial occupations; 3,191 in professional, paraprofessional, and technical occupations; 4,298 in sales occupations; 6,384 in clerical occupations; 7,308 in service occupations; 184 in agriculture-related occupations; and 3,401 in production and maintenance occupations.

Low, average, median, middle range, and high salary and wage information are presented for 183 occupations in 29 industries in the following major industry groups: transportation; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

In order to differentiate between the prevailing wages in various areas of Maine, data are presented for the Portland, Lewiston-Auburn, and Bangor Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and York County, as well as on a statewide basis.

The information in this publication is useful to public and private agencies, economic development groups, employers, and individuals for effective planning and decision making.

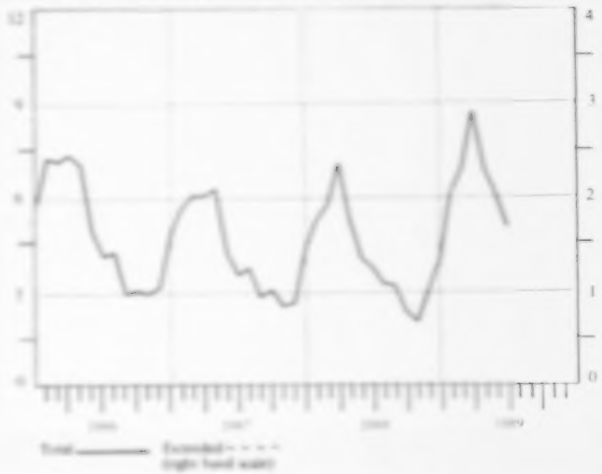
1988 Maine Occupational Wages in Selected Nonmanufacturing Industries is available for $5.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, P. O. Box 309, Augusta, ME 04332-0309, or by ☎ (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

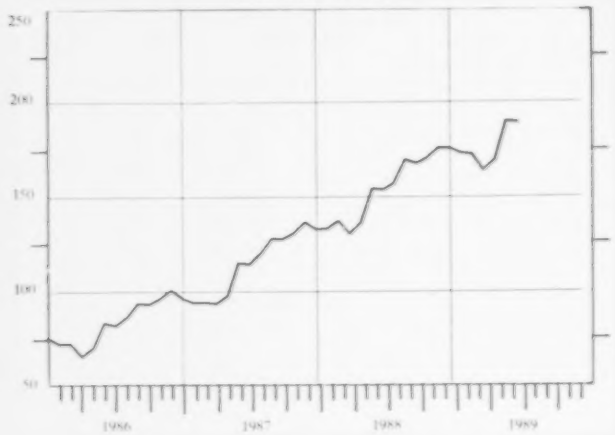
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	524.7	530.9		136.7	133.2	130.2	41.0	41.2	40.9
Total Manufacturing	105.7	108.9		17.5	17.4	17.0	10.1	10.1	10.6
Durable Goods	49.2	50.4		8.4	8.4	8.1	2.9	2.9	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.5	13.2		0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.5		0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.6		2.0	1.9	2.0	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.3	11.1		3.2	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.5	13.0		(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	5.0	5.0		1.9	1.8	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.5	58.5		9.1	9.0	8.9	7.2	7.2	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	7.2		1.9	1.8	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.5		(d)	(d)	(d)	1.0	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.1		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	18.2		(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.6		1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.9		0.2	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.8	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.7		1.4	1.3	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.8		n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.2	1.3		3.6	3.8	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.0	422.0		119.2	115.8	113.2	30.9	31.1	30.3
Construction and Mining	36.3	36.9		9.9	9.3	9.7	2.3	2.2	2.4
Building Construction	13.1	13.0		2.7	2.6	2.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Special Trades Contractors	16.5	16.8		5.5	5.2	5.1	1.5	1.5	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.5		5.5	5.3	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	25.1	24.9		10.5	10.4	10.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Retail Trade	106.4	101.4		30.5	29.1	28.5	8.3	8.3	7.9
Food Stores	19.8	19.2		4.5	4.4	4.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	36.5	35.2		9.4	8.6	8.7	2.6	2.5	2.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.8	25.5		12.1	12.0	12.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.1	9.8		3.3	3.2	3.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.3	10.2		5.9	5.8	5.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	118.3	116.2		34.5	32.7	31.7	10.6	10.8	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.9	10.6		2.3	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Business Services	14.4	13.7		4.9	4.6	4.7	1.1	1.0	1.0
Health Services	42.9	42.6		10.2	10.1	10.2	4.4	4.4	4.4
Federal Government	19.2	18.1		2.2	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	73.8	76.0		14.0	14.8	13.0	3.6	3.7	3.6
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1 Employment covers full- and part-time, temporary and casual workers for the pay period including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2 Transportation equipment and ordnance are combined in the Lewiston series. 3 Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide – 25, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39; Portland – 25, 32, 34, 36, 38; Lewiston – 25, 32, 34, 36, 38. 4 Includes SIC codes: Statewide – 20, 23; Portland – 22, 23, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston – 26, 29. 5 Regular teachers are included in summer months whether on unemployment benefits or not. Data not available for additional detail for publication. *Less than 50 with Nondisclosure rule.

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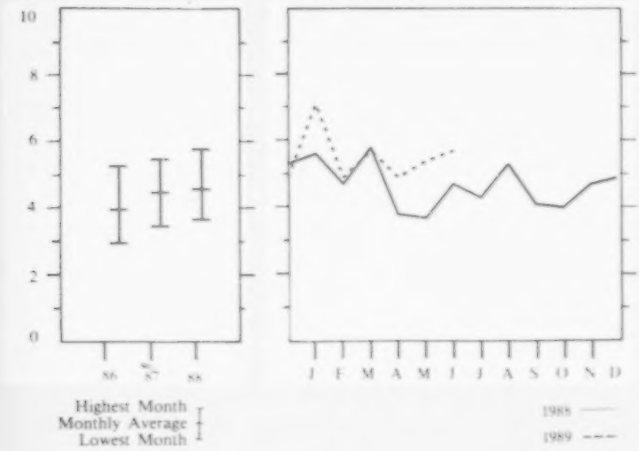
New Applications For Work

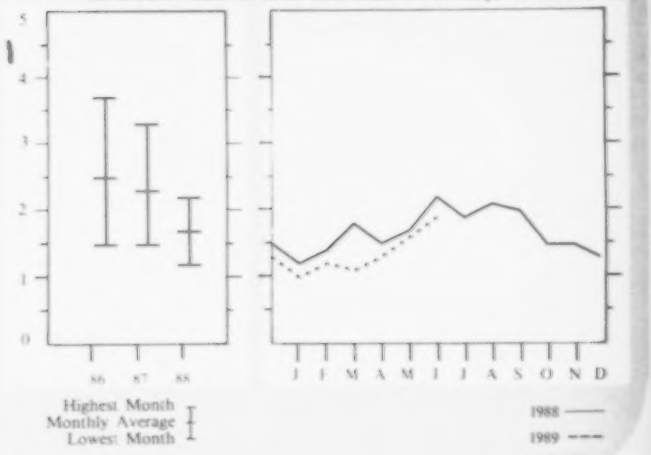
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$405.90	$392.35	$379.03	41.0	40.2	40.8	$9.90	$9.76	$9.29	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	388.96	377.34	376.89	40.9	40.4	42.3	9.51	9.34	8.91	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	358.52	329.08	328.78	41.4	39.6	39.9	8.66	8.31	8.24	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	399.67	393.88	392.03	42.7	43.0	43.9	9.36	9.16	8.93	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	507.78	487.76	453.40	47.5	45.5	48.7	10.69	10.72	9.31	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	339.44	331.63	334.84	37.8	37.6	39.3	8.98	8.82	8.52	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	409.65	406.31	394.32	40.6	41.0	42.4	10.09	9.91	9.30	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	419.84	407.02	379.64	41.0	40.1	39.3	10.24	10.15	9.66	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	321.90	340.35	279.37	39.4	39.9	37.2	8.17	8.53	7.51	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	352.80	323.19	292.30	42.1	40.5	39.5	8.38	7.98	7.40	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	262.71	252.01	215.34	37.8	32.9	34.4	6.95	7.66	6.26	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	645.70	629.59	615.47	44.5	44.4	43.1	14.51	14.18	14.28	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	267.65	259.56	244.49	38.4	37.4	37.1	6.97	6.94	6.59	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	359.60	336.75	329.72	39.3	37.5	38.7	9.15	8.98	8.52	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	413.08	411.20	386.04	40.3	40.0	41.2	10.25	10.28	9.37	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	376.55	319.45	318.00	42.5	39.1	39.9	8.86	8.17	7.97	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	272.6	270.3	286.8
Unemployed	9.6	8.3	7.9
(Percent)	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%
Resident Employed	263.0	262.0	278.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	124.1	123.8	118.0	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	620.0	601.7	612.9	596.6	578.6	593.5	23.4	23.1	19.4	3.8	3.8	3.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,900	44,600	43,800	43,500	43,500	42,700	1,400	1,100	1,100	3.1	2.5	2.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,300	41,400	42,000	39,300	39,400	40,300	2,000	2,000	1,700	4.8	4.8	4.0
Portland MSA	133,500	128,800	129,400	130,400	126,300	127,100	3,100	2,500	2,300	2.3	1.9	1.8
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	134,400	136,800	n/a	131,700	134,500	n/a	2,700	2,400	n/a	2.0	1.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	35,860	35,030	34,950	34,790	34,060	33,980	1,070	970	970	3.0	2.8	2.8
Bath-Brunswick	30,900	29,800	29,210	30,170	29,040	28,620	730	760	590	2.4	2.6	2.0
Belfast	11,740	11,560	11,950	10,970	10,570	11,030	770	990	920	6.6	8.6	7.7
Biddeford	29,500	28,730	28,890	28,630	28,010	28,320	870	720	570	2.9	2.5	2.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,190	14,560	15,840	15,890	14,230	15,540	300	330	300	1.9	2.3	1.9
Calais-Eastport	14,650	14,090	14,590	13,090	12,570	13,430	1,560	1,520	1,160	10.6	10.8	8.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,480	20,320	20,780	18,920	18,850	19,350	1,560	1,470	1,430	7.6	7.2	6.9
Central Penobscot	3,240	3,090	3,080	3,110	2,870	2,990	130	220	90	4.0	7.1	2.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,310	7,150	7,270	6,870	6,780	6,970	440	370	300	6.0	5.2	4.1
Ellsworth	25,880	23,750	25,830	25,110	22,690	25,170	770	1,060	660	3.0	4.5	2.6
Farmington	12,250	12,290	12,300	11,630	11,510	11,750	620	780	550	5.1	6.3	4.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,110	4,900	5,100	4,750	4,410	4,760	360	490	340	7.0	10.0	6.7
Greenville	1,410	1,250	1,380	1,320	1,140	1,350	90	110	30	6.4	8.8	2.2
Houlton	6,390	6,240	6,390	6,020	5,840	6,130	370	400	260	5.8	6.4	4.1
Kittery-York 3/	30,170	29,580	31,200	29,760	29,240	30,950	410	340	250	1.4	1.1	0.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,390	5,320	5,380	5,090	4,940	5,060	300	380	320	5.6	7.1	5.9
Livermore Falls	4,450	4,300	4,470	4,230	4,110	4,200	220	190	270	4.9	4.4	6.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,970	3,730	3,940	3,710	3,460	3,700	260	270	240	6.5	7.2	6.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,100	4,040	4,370	3,860	3,770	4,100	240	270	270	5.9	6.7	6.2
Norway-Paris	12,530	12,010	12,540	11,840	11,460	12,130	690	550	410	5.5	4.6	3.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,420	2,660	2,240	2,130	2,530	220	290	130	8.9	12.0	4.9
Rockland	19,090	18,200	19,010	18,290	17,400	18,610	800	800	400	4.2	4.4	2.1
Rumford	8,450	8,430	8,400	7,950	7,800	7,830	500	630	570	5.9	7.5	6.8
Sanford	16,440	16,130	16,490	15,890	15,570	16,030	550	560	460	3.3	3.5	2.8
Sebago Lakes Region	13,430	12,800	12,980	13,010	12,370	12,650	420	430	330	3.1	3.4	2.5
Skowhegan	22,360	21,910	22,710	21,280	20,520	21,530	1,080	1,390	1,180	4.8	6.3	5.2
Southwest Penobscot	11,640	11,210	11,200	10,950	10,660	10,770	690	550	430	5.9	4.9	3.8
Waterville	25,010	24,110	24,820	24,010	23,360	23,940	1,000	750	880	4.0	3.1	3.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,819.0	1,781.6	1,805.0	1,757.9	1,729.8	1,747.0	61.1	51.8	58.1	3.4	2.9	3.2
Massachusetts	3,223.0	3,170.0	3,211.8	3,097.0	3,062.0	3,101.8	127.0	108.0	110.0	3.9	3.4	3.4
New Hampshire	n/a	617.3	608.1	n/a	599.6	592.9	n/a	17.7	15.2	n/a	2.9	2.5
Rhode Island	532.3	534.2	524.4	512.4	511.8	508.9	19.9	22.4	15.5	3.7	4.2	3.0
Vermont	312.3	304.1	302.0	300.4	293.2	294.8	11.9	10.9	7.1	3.8	3.6	2.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,008.9	7,064.2	n/a	6,775.0	6,838.9	n/a	233.9	225.3	n/a	3.3	3.2
UNITED STATES	125,569	123,196	123,028	118,719	117,039	116,209	6,850	6,156	6,819	5.5	5.0	5.5

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently of each other and not necessarily benchmarked to and accumulated from the current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data include members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded to nearest hundred; detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Current figures preliminary, last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes counties from Maine and New Hampshire.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants*	6,911	9,033	5,004	833	894	562	672	834	515

* Continued week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	1989 2nd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From: Previous Quarter	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	525.9	515.5	519.9	+10.4	+6.0
Total Manufacturing	106.7	108.3	106.8	-1.6	-0.1
Durable Goods	49.8	51.2	49.1	-1.4	+0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	13.3	12.4	-1.5	-0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.7	3.4	-0.2	+0.2
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.3	11.6	11.9	-0.3	-0.6
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.3	12.8	+0.4	+1.9
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.9	5.0	+0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	56.9	57.1	57.7	-0.2	-0.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	7.1	7.0	-0.4	-0.3
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	6.5	+0.1	-0.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	-0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0	0.0
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.7	5.6	-0.1	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.3	12.8	+0.1	-0.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.6	10.7	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.3	+0.1	-0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	419.2	407.2	413.1	+12.0	+6.1
Construction and Mining	33.9	31.1	34.5	+2.8	-0.6
Building Construction	11.0	10.7	12.2	+0.3	-1.2
Special Trades Contractors	16.2	15.0	15.9	+1.2	+0.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.0	20.9	+0.6	+0.7
Wholesale Trade	25.9	25.6	24.6	+0.3	+1.3
Retail Trade	102.0	97.6	103.2	+4.4	-1.2
Food Stores	18.3	18.0	19.0	+0.3	-0.7
Eating and Drinking Places	33.5	29.3	32.9	+4.2	+0.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.6	25.5	25.4	+0.1	+0.2
Banking	6.9	6.9	6.8	-0.1	0.0
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.0	0.0	+0.2
Services	115.8	112.6	113.0	+3.2	+2.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.0	6.0	6.6	+2.0	-0.6
Business Services	14.3	13.8	13.3	+0.5	+1.0
Health Services	42.7	42.5	42.7	+0.2	+1.1
Federal Government	19.1	18.8	18.6	+0.3	+0.5
State and Local Government	75.3	75.0	72.9	+0.3	+2.4
Involved in Labor Management Dispute	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	-1.8

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